



# BUDGET WEEK

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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation  
scheduled for the House floor

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

- 1) ***Recognizing the Life of Preston Robert Tisch and His Outstanding Contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States*** (H.Res. 605).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 2) ***Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month*** (H.Res. 912).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 3) ***International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2005*** (H.R. 2491).   
This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] to issue and enforce final regulations concerning imports and exports of hazardous and municipal solid waste between the United States and Canada. The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$2 million in 2006 and about \$6 million over the 2006-10 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 2491 also could increase revenue because the bill would provide for civil penalties for any past or current violations of its provisions; but CBO expects that the amount of fines collected under the bill would not be significant.
- 4) ***Congratulating Spelman College on the Occasion of its 125th Anniversary*** (H.Res. 875).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 5) ***YouthBuild Transfer Act*** (S. 3534).   
This bill transfers the YouthBuild program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] to the Department of Labor. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to affect direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.
- 6) ***Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act*** (H.R. 2808).   
This bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 coins emblematic of the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln in commemoration of the bicentennial of his birth. The bill permits issuance of such coins only during 2009, and subjects the coin sales to a surcharge of \$10 per coin. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenue.

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**PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.**

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**LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE**

**Bill:** *To Amend the Horse Protection Act to Prohibit the Shipping, Transporting, Moving, Delivering, Receiving, Possessing, Purchasing, Selling, or Donation of Horses and Other Equines to Be Slaughtered for Human Consumption* (H.R. 503). 

**Committee:** Energy and Commerce, Agriculture

**Summary:** This bill amends the Horse Protection Act by establishing a pilot program in Kentucky and New York. The program prohibits certain activities associated with the slaughter of horses or other equines for human consumption. The bill also requires the Secretary of Agriculture – subject to availability of appropriated funds – to compensate equine owners for any economic loss due to such prohibitions.

**Cost:** The bill authorizes the appropriation of up to \$5 million per year to implement its provisions, but CBO estimates that those amounts would be insufficient to cover costs incurred by the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA]. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 503 would cost USDA \$21 million in 2007 and \$233 million over the 2007-11 period. H.R. 503 does not affect direct spending or revenue.

**Budget Act:** This bill does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.